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Presented for filing is a new divisional patent application of:

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Title: BIOPROSTHETIC HEART VALVES

The prior application is assigned of record to Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, a Minnesota corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on March 15, 2001 at 011644/0129.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
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This application is entitled to small entity status.

Enclosures:

- Application Cover Sheet (1 page);
- Preliminary amendment (4 pages); and
- Postcard.

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/399,704, filed September 21, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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